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Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Brad Miller (NC-13) delivered the following remarks on the House floor today to reiterate the critical need to reform the financial industry.

Senator McConnell said yesterday about Wall Street reform that "as you look at the bill closer and closer, it is mostly about Main Street."

Yes, Wall Street reform is about Main Street because Americans trying to make an honest living on Main Street are being bled dry by Wall Street. The vulgar excesses of Wall Street, the bonuses and the profits and all the rest, are at the expense of working and middle-class American families.

Ordinary Americans know that the fine print that the big banks' lawyers wrote in their credit card contracts and their mortgages and their overdraft agreements was filled with traps to take their income and their life's savings, and who knows what worthless junk Wall Street unloaded on

your pension fund.

Every issue I've worked on I've compromised, but there comes a time to pick a side. I pick the side of working and middle-class Americans trying to make an honest living to support themselves and their families.